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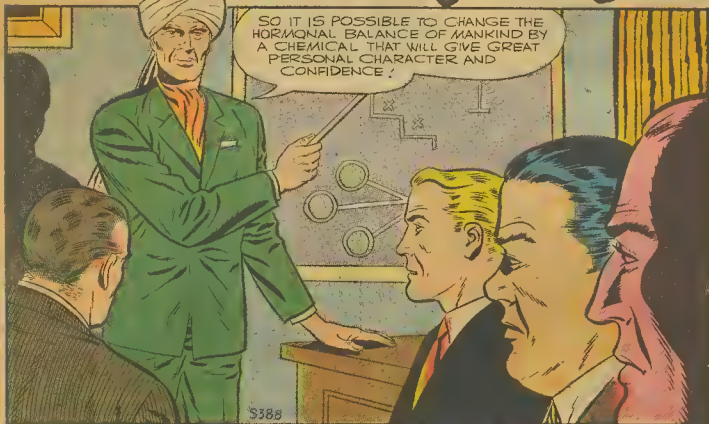
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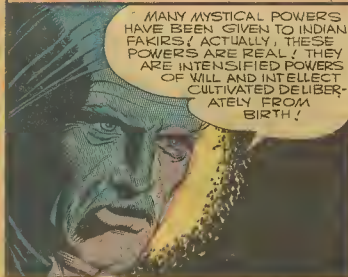
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TRUTH IS THE GREATEST OF ALL POWERS -- YET HOW COULD IT AFFECT YOU IF YOU COULD USE IT AS A WEAPON? WHAT WOULD THE RESULTS BE ON MODERN SOCIETY? TO JOHN DAWSON THEY WERE DEVASTATING WHEN HE USED IT TO ENTER...

The **WORLD** of Mister San



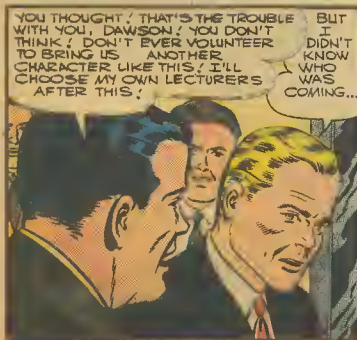
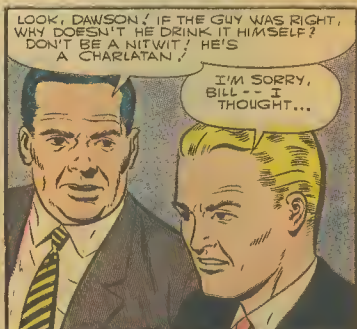
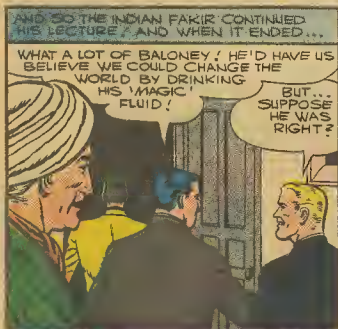
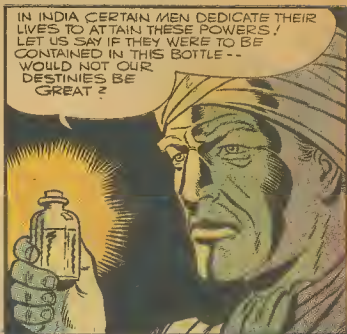
THE MEMBERS OF THE SCIENCE CLUB STIRRED UNEASILY! MISTER KRISHNA SAN COULD HAVE BEEN A CHARLATAN -- BUT HE WAS MAKING SENSE...



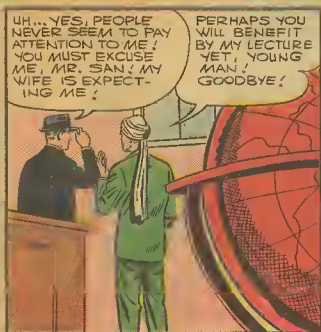
A CHILD TAUGHT TO STEAL WILL STEAL ALL HIS LIFE! A CHILD TAUGHT TO BE STRONG WILL BE STRONG AS AN ADULT! A CHILD GIVEN PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION WILL BE LOOKED UPON AS 'BRILLIANT' TO HIS FELLOWS!



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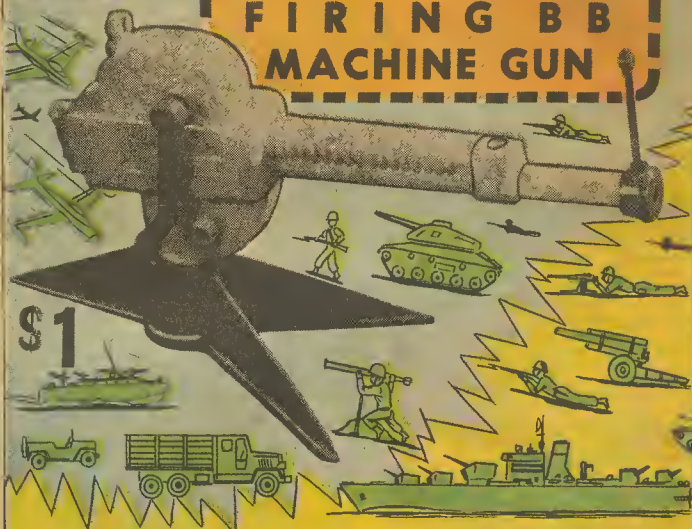
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JOHN DAWSON HURRIED OUT OF THE HALL AND RAN TO THE SUBWAY! HIS WIFE WOULD YELL AT HIM ALL NIGHT IF HE GOT HOME LATE! YET, HE COULDN'T HELP THINKING...



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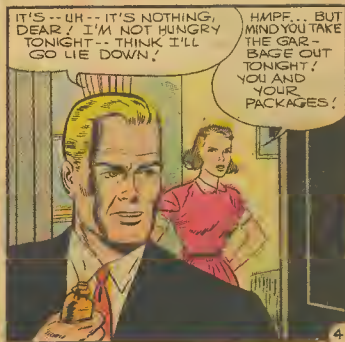
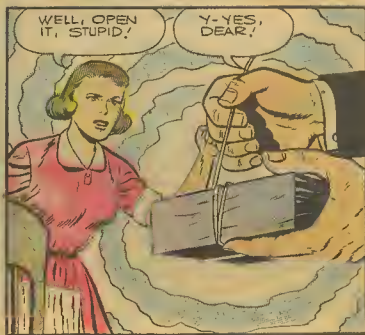
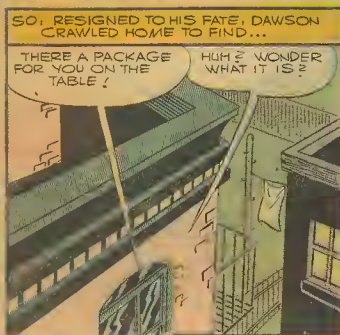
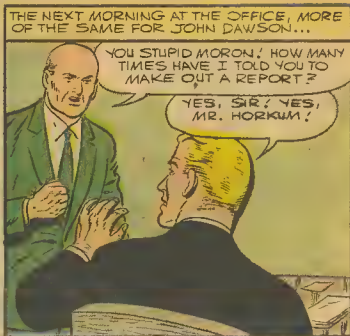
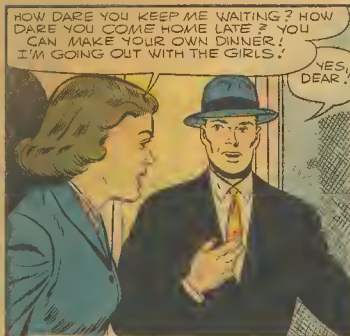
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ALONE IN HIS ROOM, JOHN DAWSON GAZED AT THE BOTTLE HOPEFULLY AND LONGINGLY! WITH A COURAGE BORN OUT OF FRUSTRATION AND FATALISM, HE BROUGHT IT TO HIS LIPS AND...

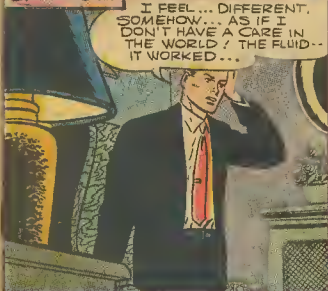


WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?



THE ROOM... IT'S SPINNING AROUND...

AND SUDDENLY, THE ROOM STOPPED SPINNING...



I FEEL... DIFFERENT, SOMEHOW... AS IF I DON'T HAVE A CARE IN THE WORLD! THE FLUID-- IT WORKED...

THEN, JOHN DAWSON OPENED THE DOOR, PREPARED TO TEST HIS NEW POWERS...



COME HERE, MILLIE! YOU'RE STAYING HOME TONIGHT TO WAIT ON ME HAND AND FOOT!

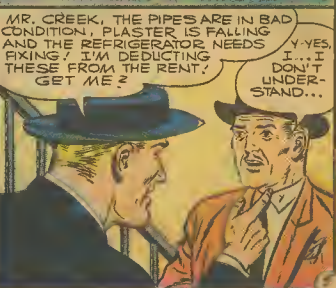
I'LL GIVE YOU JUST TWO SECONDS TO APOLOGIZE!

SILENCE, WOMAN! DID I EVER TELL YOU HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE? FROM NOW ON YOU'LL DO AS I SAY -- UNDERSTAND?



WHY, JOHN... YOU'RE... SO MASTERFUL!

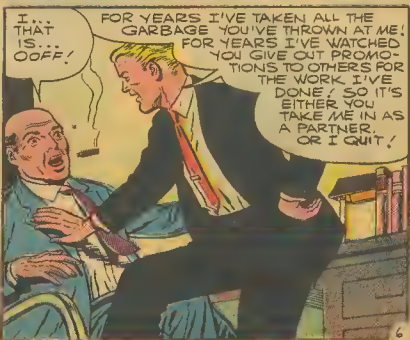
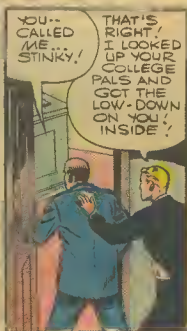
LEAVING HIS SHAKEN WIFE TO PREPARE HIS FAVORITE DINNER, DAWSON WENT OUT FOR A WALK -- AND MET...



MR. CREEK, THE PIPES ARE IN BAD CONDITION, PLASTER IS FALLING AND THE REFRIGERATOR NEEDS FIXING! I'M DEDUCTING THESE FROM THE RENT! GET ME?

Y-YES, I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

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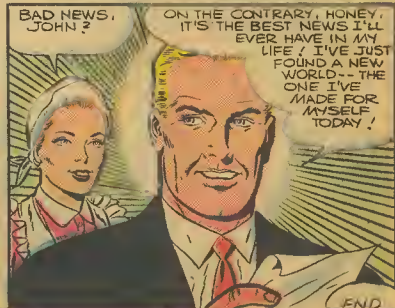
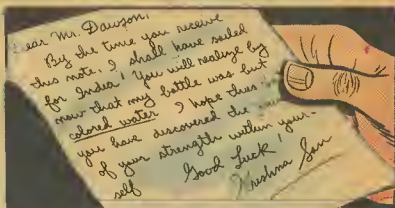
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BUT WHEN HE ARRIVED HOME, HE FOUND A LETTER WAITING FOR HIM...

I WAS CLEANING YOUR ROOM, DEAR--AND I DROPPED THAT BOTTLE OF YOURS!

GOOD HEAVENS, THIS NOTE! MAYBE IT'S FROM KRISHNA SAN! I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM!

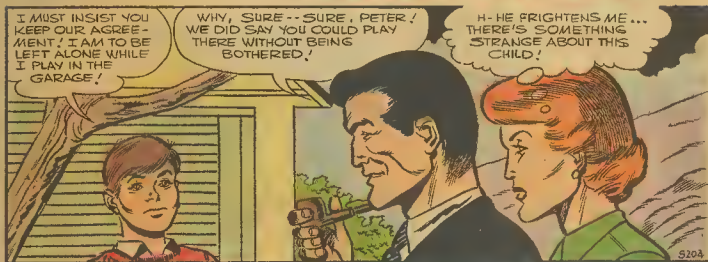


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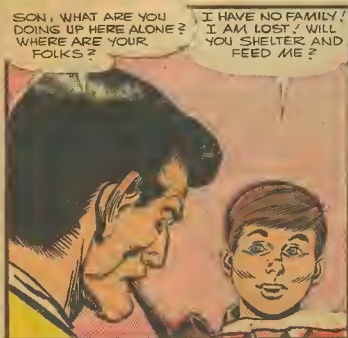
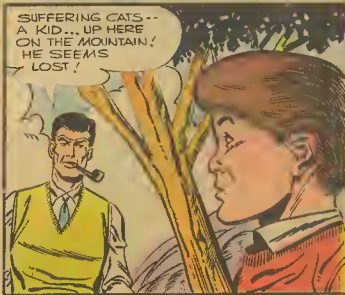
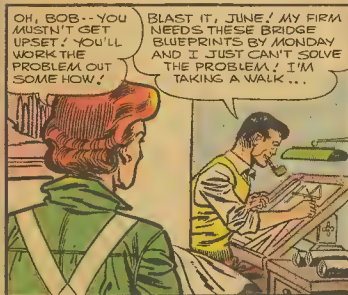
HE WAS BUT A SMALL BOY... HARDLY OF SCHOOL AGE! YET, HE CARRIED HIMSELF WITH AN AIR OF WORLDLY WISDOM! WHO WAS HE REALLY? WHAT WAS THE STRANGE SECRET OF THE...

LOST CHILD



IT BEGAN ON BOB TRAVER'S MOUNTAIN RANCH ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON...

BOB TOOK HIS WALK -- AND IT WAS THEN THAT HE MET -- THE CHILD...



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SHORTLY...

BOB, THAT POOR CHILD MUST BE FRIGHTENED TO DEATH... HE SEEMS AFRAID TO SMILE! YOU'D BETTER NOTIFY THE AUTHORITIES RIGHT AWAY! HIS PARENTS MUST BE LOCATED!

RIGHT... HEY, HE'S MONKEYING AROUND WITH MY BLUEPRINTS!



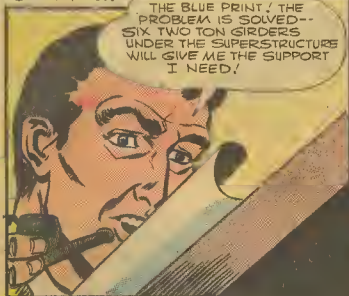
WHOA... FELLA! THAT'S IMPORTANT STUFF! CAN'T PLAY AROUND WITH BRIDGE BLUE-PRINTS OR I'LL GET FIRED!

PERHAPS NOT!



SUDDENLY, TRAVER'S EYES STARED IN DIS-BELIEF AS...

THE BLUE PRINT! THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED-- SIX TWO TON GIRDERS UNDER THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WILL GIVE ME THE SUPPORT I NEED!



JUNE, THAT CHILD... HE WAS DOODLING WITH MY BLUE-PRINTS AND HE SOLVED THE PROBLEM! COULD A CHILD ACCIDENTALLY DO SUCH A THING?

I - I DON'T KNOW, BOB!



SON, WHAT DID YOU DO AT MY DRAWING BOARD?

I WAS JUST PLAYING! THIS CREATURE-- I LIKE IT! MAY I HAVE IT?



OF COURSE YOU CAN, PETER! IT'S YOURS AS A GIFT! I'LL GET CLEANED UP AND THEN WE'LL DRIVE TO THE VILLAGE AND TRY TO FIND YOUR PEOPLE!



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BUT A MOMENT LATER ...

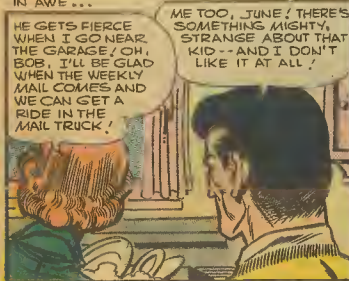


I SHOULD LIKE TO USE YOUR DWELLING HERE AS A PLACE TO PLAY! I SHOULD LIKE TO BE LEFT ALONE THERE!

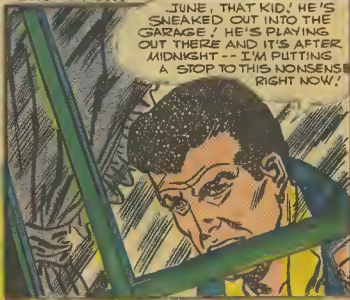
WHAT? YOU'RE THE CRAZIEST KID I EVER SAW! DO YOU REALIZE WE'RE STRANDED UP HERE IN THE MOUNTAINS WITHOUT A CAR? GO AHEAD, USE THE GARAGE!



THUSLY, DID THE STRANGE CHILD JOIN THE HOUSEHOLD OF BOB AND JUNE TRAVERS! FOR TWO DAYS THEY STUDIED HIS ACTIONS IN AWE ...

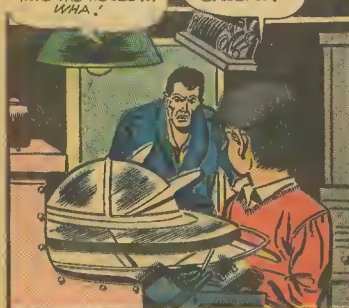


ANOTHER DAY PASSES ... AND THE TENSION GROWS AS ...



PETER! COME INTO THE HOUSE ... WHA!

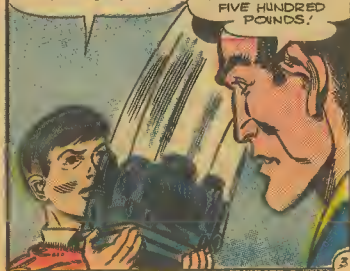
SIR, BE CAREFUL!



THEN, AS BOB TRAVERS WATCHED STUNNED.

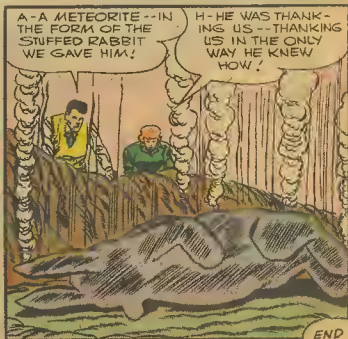
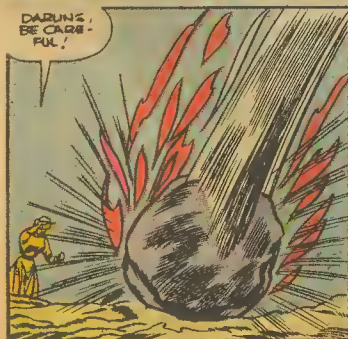
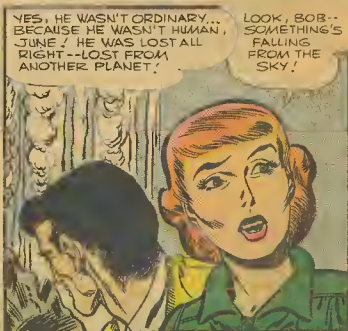
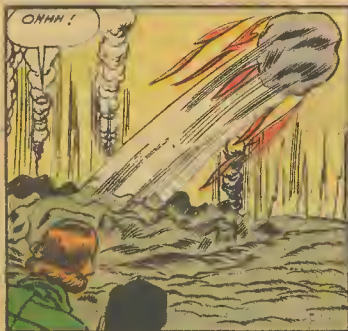
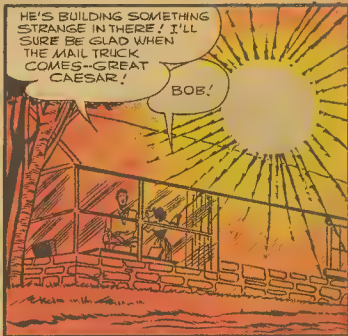
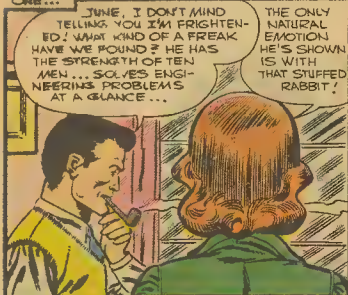
I MUST HAVE PRIVACY-- PLEASE, LEAVE ME ALONE ...

G-GOOD GRIEF! THAT MOTOR MUST WEIGH OVER FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS!



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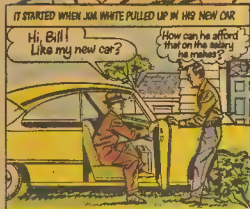
AND NOW, THE COUPLE ARE FULLY AWARE THAT THE CHILD THEY FOUND IS NOT AN ORDINARY ONE...



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"Diving Danger"

Captain Henry Reid, of the tugboat MARIE, wasn't the type of man to take no for an answer. He hadn't forgotten that Bill Merk! was under obligation to him.

"I know you have given up deep sea diving, Bill," he said. "But do this one job for me. Last month there was a collision between two freighters at Pierson Bay. One limped back to port. The other is on the bottom and a menace to navigation. I got the contract to get rid of that boat. It's a simple job. All you have to do is go down and plant a charge with a delayed time fuse. Then come to the surface. For this you'll get \$125.00."

"Not interested," insisted Bill. "You can get Mike Trager to do the job."

"That's just the trouble," admitted Captain Reid. "Mike was going to do the job for me. But he had a head-on collision with a truck. He's going to spend the next two weeks in the hospital. I'm in a tight spot. If I don't carry out my contract by tomorrow I forfeit a bond of two thousand dollars."

There was a look of sympathy on Bill's face. He could understand the situation. And he would always be under an obligation to the man who saved his life.

"Tell you what I'll do," he finally suggested. "Helen is in the kitchen with mother. You convince the future Mrs. Merk! and I'll do that job for you. Anyway it's about time you met her."

Bill was diplomatic in the way he made the introduction. With a smile on his face he said, "Meet the man who was my skipper when we fought the Japs. Saved my life when our landing craft crashed on a rack. Haney, Henry is in a tight spot. Wants me to do a simple diving job for him out in Pierson Bay. Not deep diving because the boat on the bottom is just a mere hundred feet or so from the surface."

Helen Loeb knew she was caught. She would have to give her consent. But being a woman she decided to have the last word.

"I hate water and diving," she told Captain Reid. "Makes me shudder when I think of the

risk he takes every time he puts on his helmet and goes down below the surface. But he can do this one job for you. Only on condition that I go on the tug also."

To himself, Captain Reid thought: "A man that loves the water shouldn't get hitched up with a female that probably gets seasick when she looks at a glass of water. Sure, I'll take her along on the tug. If she were alone then I would want rough water. But for Bill's sake I hope everything is calm."

The next day the tugboat MARIE made the short run to the south side of Pierson Bay. A marker was on the spot to indicate where the wrecked boat was resting on the bottom of the bay. Jess Freeman was in charge of the air pump aboard the tugboat. Captain Reid helped Bill into his suit. Before he shut the helmet, Helen gave her future husband a big kiss and some advice.

"Don't stay down too long. They say you can get the bends. And remember we have a date with the Hendersons for supper."

Bill went slowly overboard and then downward. He reached the bottom without any trouble and saw the wrecked boat.

"Big hole in the hull," he said over the phone. "I can plant the charge inside. Set the time fuse to go off in two and a half hours. Are you sure the harbor patrol has notified all boats to stay away from here?"

"The coast guard gave the clearance on this job," came over the phone. "We'll send the charge down in ten minutes. Then as soon as you plant it give me the signal. We'll pull you up."

George Dawney was the explosive expert aboard the tugboat. He went quickly to work and set the time fuse in the charge. Then he carefully dropped the metal container overboard. It was guided to the bottom by a rope.

"Tell Bill the charge is coming down," shouted Dawney. "I set it exactly as requested."

Bill spotted the metal container and removed it from the guide rope. Then he lifted it and moved it inside the hull of the wrecked ship. His spotlight showed him a place near some-

thing that looked like a motor. There he planted the explosive and turned around to leave. Suddenly he found himself being forced to the bottom of the ship. He managed to focus his spotlight. A heavy piece of metal had twisted around his air line. He tried to reach for it but found he couldn't make it. Nor could he get to his feet.

"I'm trapped down here," he said over the phone. "Something fell on my air line and twisted around it. I'm getting air. No danger."

"What do you mean no danger?" said the excited voice of Captain Reid over the phone. "You have a time charge on that explosive. Can you reach it?"

"Can't touch it," were Bill's sad words. "Get another diver to come down and untwist me. It gives me the creeps to realize how helpless I am down in this sunken boat."

Beads of perspiration formed on the forehead of Captain Reid. His Adams apple moved up and down several times before he could explain the terrible situation to Helen. She grasped the danger at once.

"By the time you get another boat here with a diver and set him up that charge will explode. Contact the coast guard at once. Tell them to send a helicopter over us and drop a complete skin diver's outfit. I was champ skin diver on the west coast last year. I'll get Bill out of his peril," said Helen.

Lieutenant Mark Shaw, of the coast guard, went into action as soon as he got the emergency message. Twenty-three minutes later a helicopter hovered over the tugboat and dropped the required materials. Then Helen got into her outfit and the oxygen tanks were strapped to her back. Before she inserted the mouth piece she explained her strategy.

"I'll do my best to see if I can move the obstacle around Bill's air line. If not, then I will try to pull it around. Play out all the air line you have. And I'll go down with a crowbar. First thing I will do is attach the explosive to a line so you can bring it up to the surface and remove the time fuse."

Three coast guard boats were busy keeping all craft away from the danger spot. It seems that the radio message had been heard by other boats and they were hurrying to the scene. For there is something in the nature of a rescue that appeals to all of us.

Helen had been under water twenty minutes when Bill spoke over the phone.

"The big motor down here shifted and is covering the explosive. Helen can't send it up.

Watch the time up there. If she can't free me in twenty more minutes then I am going to take a chance. I'll cut my air line and see if I can make surface."

"You'll never make it," answered Captain Reid. "We can move the tugboat about seventy feet from where you are. That's the maximum we can play out your extra air line. We'll stick with you. You got to make it. After all I want to go to your wedding."

Helen worked frantically to push some of the line under the obstacle. Finally she managed to move about twenty feet. That was enough to permit Bill to stand up. Now he was able to work side by side with his girl. They were unable to speak to each other. Yet they knew what had to be done to beat that time fuse.

Up on the deck of the tugboat, George Downey looked continually at his watch. He saw those precious seconds tick off his watch.

"If there were only some way to make time stand still," he sighed. "It might solve everything. Twenty-seven minutes left for that time fuse to set off the explosive. Then what?"

Captain Henry looked at Jess Freeman. The air pump was still sending down its life sustaining charges.

"Anything we can do?"

There was no answer to that question. Then a minute later Bill's voice came over the phone.

"Helen just freed me. Start pulling me up. Quickly or we haven't got a chance. Start your motor on the tugboat and begin pulling up your anchor.

"But you'll get the bends," warned Captain Henry.

"If you don't listen to me, you big fool, you'll be blown to kingdom come. You can rush me to a decompression chamber."

Helen came to the surface with Bill and the tugboat started away at full speed as soon as they were aboard. The coast guard helicopter picked Bill up from the tugboat deck and headed for shore. From there a speeding ambulance took him to the decompression chamber. He was inside two hours. Then a physician checked him.

"O.K. You'll need a week's good rest in the country."

They were late for dinner with the Hendersons. Janice Henderson asked the natural question.

"Anything important delay you two?"

The answer was the understatement of the year: "Nothing much."

THE END

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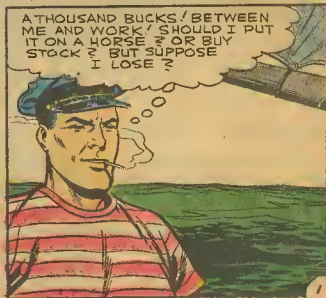
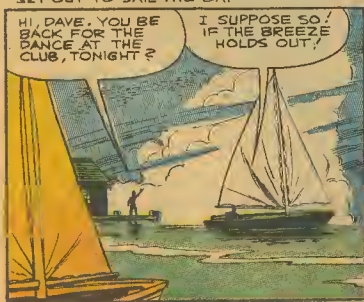
DAVID COLE, WAS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO THINK THE WORLD OWES THEM A LIVING - BUT THE INHERITANCE ON WHICH HE LIVED IN IDLENESS HAD DWINDLED TO A THOUSAND DOLLARS! THEN HE LEARNED OF---

CAPTAIN HAWK'S TREASURE



THERE WAS A GOOD OFF SHORE BREEZE
THE SUMMER AFTERNOON DAVID COLE
SET OUT TO SAIL THE BAY----

BUT COLE HAD OTHER THINGS ON HIS
MIND--- HE WANTED TO GET OUT BY
HIMSELF WHERE HE COULD THINK---



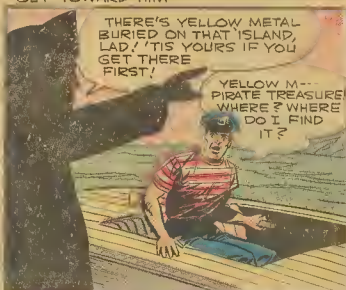
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COLE WAS SO AGHAST AT THE IDEA OF HAVING TO GET A JOB, THAT AT FIRST HE DIDN'T NOTICE THE STRANGE THING COMING OUT OF THE DISTANCE. THEN--



A--- SHIP / WHAT AM I DOING, DREAMING ?

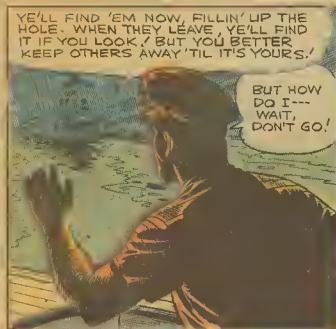
BUT THE VISION DIDN'T PASS, THE OLD BRIG ANCHORED AND A SKIFF PUT OUT TOWARD HIM----



THERE'S YELLOW METAL BURIED ON THAT ISLAND, LAD, 'TIS YOURS IF YOU GET THERE FIRST!

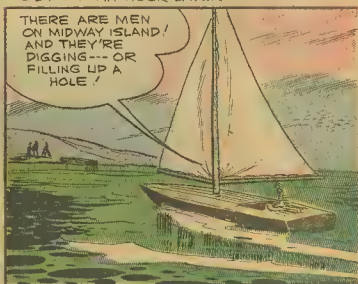
YELLOW M--PIRATE TREASURE! WHERE ? WHERE DO I FIND IT ?

YE'LL FIND 'EM NOW, FILLIN' UP THE HOLE. WHEN THEY LEAVE, YE'LL FIND IT IF YOU LOOK, BUT YOU BETTER KEEP OTHERS AWAY 'TIL IT'S YOURS.

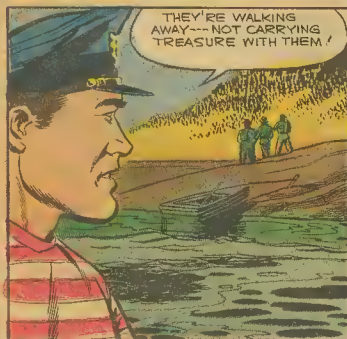


BUT HOW DO I--- WAIT, DON'T GO!

THE VISION DISAPPEARED. DAVE PLACED THE BOW OF HIS BOAT TOWARD THE ISLAND / AN HOUR LATER---



THERE ARE MEN ON MIDWAY ISLAND! AND THEY'RE DIGGING--- OR FILLING UP A HOLE!



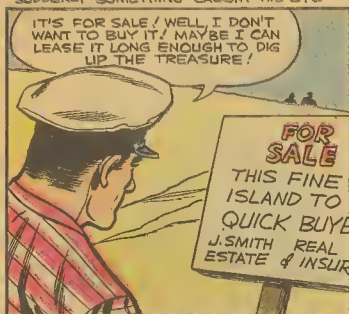
THEY'RE WALKING AWAY--- NOT CARRYING TREASURE WITH THEM!



-- AND THERE'S NO TREASURE INSIDE THE ROW-BOAT / THEY'VE MISSED IT! THE OLD CAPTAIN WAS RIGHT, IT'S A SIGN!

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SUDDENLY SOMETHING CAUGHT HIS EYE---



COLE SAILED HIS BOAT OUTWARD, AND SAW THE MEN DEPART! THEN HE HEADED BACK. HE FOUND THE REAL ESTATE MAN---



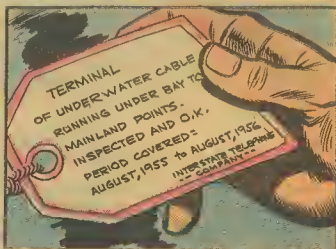
IT WAS A HARD DECISION TO MAKE, BUT DAVID COLE HAD TO BELIEVE IN THE VISION! HE TOOK THE OPTION! NOW THE ISLAND WAS HIS, FOR SIX MONTHS, ANYWAY---



HE WORKED FOR HOURS, HARDER THAN HE HAD EVER WORKED BEFORE---



WITH TREMBLING FINGERS, COLE DREW HIS FLASHLIGHT AND KNELT IN THE HOLE HE DUG!



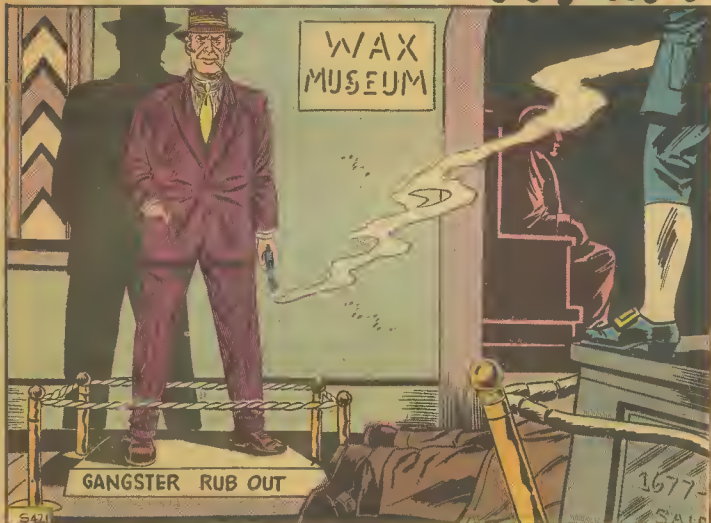
AND SO, IN SPITE OF VISIONS, DAVID COLE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO GO TO WORK! IT HAS BEEN SAID OF HIM OF LATE, THAT HE IS HAPPIER THAN HE HAS EVER BEEN IN HIS LIFE!

- THE END

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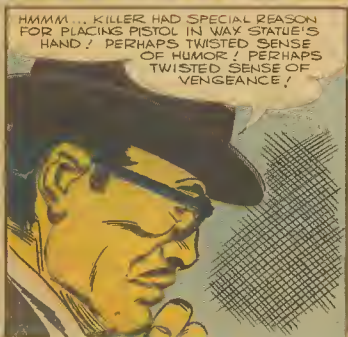
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N-NOT THAT I KNOW OF! IT'S JUST A GANGSTER OF THE OLD DAYS!

SO SORRY TO BE PERSISTENT--BUT CAN YOU GIVE ME NAME OF SCULPTOR WHO MADE STATUE? HE MIGHT HAVE MOST INTERESTING STORY TO TELL!



LATER ...

HERE'S THE SCULPTOR'S PLACE AT LAST! WE SURE CAME THE LONG WAY!

IF LONG JOURNEY TELLS US WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW, NO COMPLAINT WILL BE HEARD FROM THIS HUMBLE SEEKER OF THE TRUTH!



CREEPY JOINT, ISN'T IT, POP? AND NOBODY ANSWERS THE BELL!

DOOR SEEMS AJAR! SUGGEST WE WALK IN!



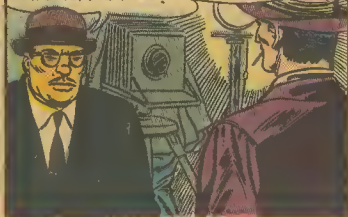
POP LOOK!

THE KILLER WAS HERE BEFORE US! HE STRUCK BEFORE WE COULD LEARN WHOSE LIKENESS IS MIRRORED IN WAX STATUE'S FACE!



THE NEXT MORNING, IN CHANG'S OFFICE...

POLICE MOST KIND TO LEND US MOST LIKELY SUSPECT! SIT HERE, PLEASE, WHERE LIGHT IS BRIGHTEST! AND BE CAREFUL OF LOOSE FLOORING SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN REPAIRED BY IDIOT OFFSPRING TWO YEARS AGO!

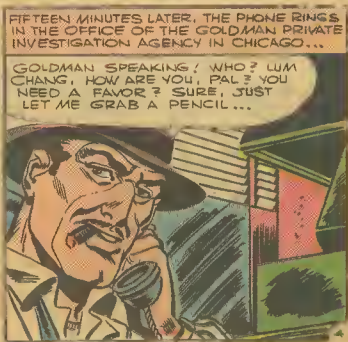
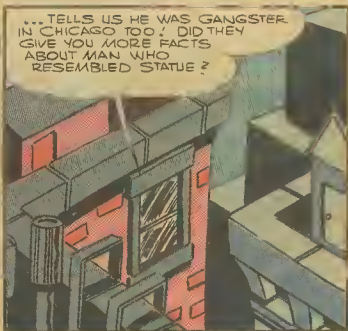
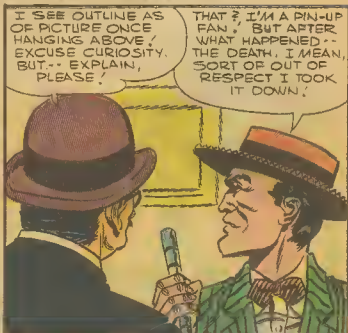
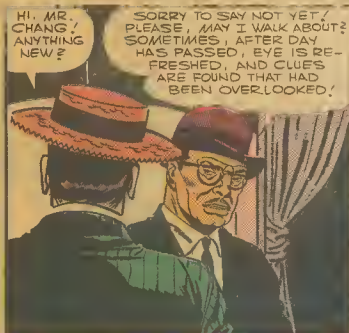


WATCH THE BIRDIE...

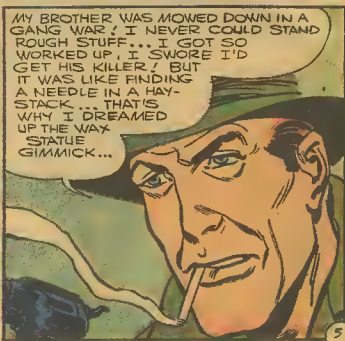
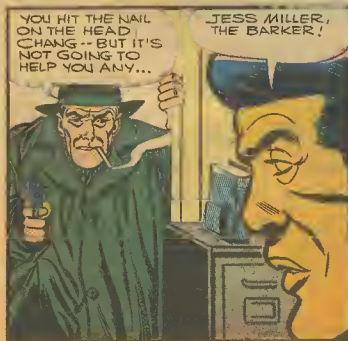
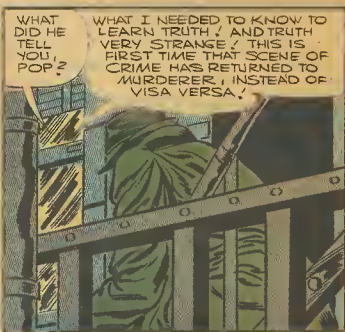
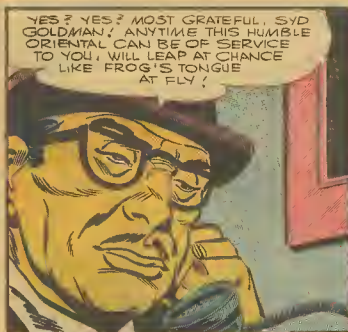
ILLUSTRIOUS NUMBER ONE SON HAS SENSE OF HUMOR COMPRISED OF VAST QUANTITY OF CORN! AS SOON AS PICTURE DEVELOPED, RADIO IT TO POLICE ALLOVER COUNTRY! I GONOW TO WAX MUSEUM!



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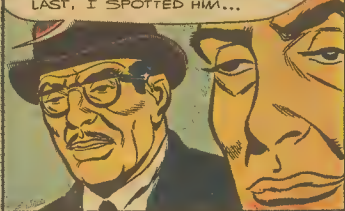


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... I'D ALWAYS RUN THE MUSEUM-- SO IT WAS EASY TO HAVE A STATUE MADE OF MY BROTHER, AND SET IT UP IN A STREET SCENE THAT WAS EXACTLY LIKE WHERE HE WAS KILLED. I FIGURED IF I KEPT TRAVELLING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY WITH THAT SCENE...



... SOMEDAY, THE KILLER WOULD DROP IN, AND HE'D DO A DOUBLE-TAKE WHEN HE SAW IT! AND I KEPT WATCH FOR TEN LONG YEARS ON EVERYBODY WHO CAME INTO THE MUSEUM. I WATCHED THEM THROUGH AN ANGLED MIRROR OVER THE TOP OF MY BARKER'S STAND-- WHERE I TOLD YOU I'D HAD A PIN-UP --AND THEN AT LAST, I SPOTTED HIM...

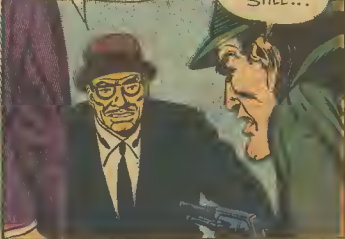


... I HAD IT ALL PLANNED PERFECT! I RAN IN, SHOT HIM WITH A SILENCER, JAMMED THE GUN INTO THE STATUE'S HAND, AND WAS OUTSIDE WHEN A TIMED FIRECRACKER WENT OFF THAT SOUNDED LIKE A SHOT!



MOST INGENUOUS! AND THEN YOU SHOT SCULPTOR SO HE COULD NOT TELL STATUE WAS OF YOUR BROTHER!

YOU THINK FAST, CHANG -- BUT NOT FOR LONG! STAND STILL...



HEY...

I GOT HIM, POP!



THAT WAS FAST THINKING, POP, LEADING HIM OVER THAT LOOSE FLOOR-ING SO HE'D JAR THE STATUE!

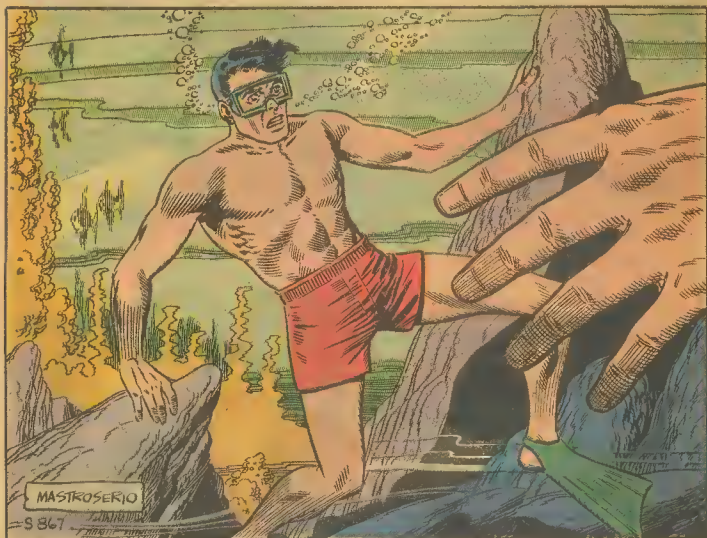
WELL KNOWN FACT THAT HEART OF MAN WHO LIVES ONLY FOR REVENGE, WILL TURN TO STONE... BUT JUSTICE CAN BE AS HARD AS STONE TOO WHEN MISDEED BAD ENOUGH, SECOND FACT GENERALLY LEARNED TOO LATE-- SUCH A PITY!



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UNDER *The* REEF

SOMETHING WAS STIRRING DOWN THERE UNDER THE REEF...AN ENORMOUS, FANTASTIC SOMETHING....



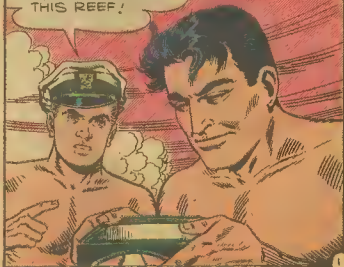
MEET AL BANNER AND JOE KENTON -- TWO EX-FROGMEN WHO'VE SET THEMSELVES UP AS PEARL DIVERS ON A SOUTH SEA ISLE. AL IS THE DAREDEVIL OF THE TEAM, AND JOE IS THE SLOW MOVING CAUTIOUS ONE...

AL, LISTEN--
DON'T DIVE
THERE!

SHOW ME ONE
"KEEP OFF THE
WATER" SIGN,
JOE--AND I
WON'T DIVE!

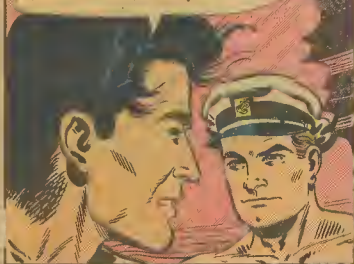


STOP WISECRACKING! THE NATIVES STEER CLEAR OF THIS SPOT! THEY WOULDN'T TELL ME WHY, BUT THEY'RE SCARED STIFF OF THIS REEF!



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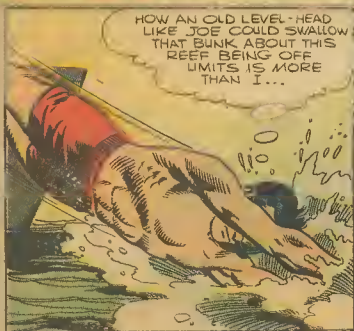
SO WHAT? THAT ONLY CLINCHES IT! IF THE NATIVES NEVER DIVE HERE, THE OYSTER BEDS HAVEN'T BEEN WORKED OVER! I'M GOING DOWN!



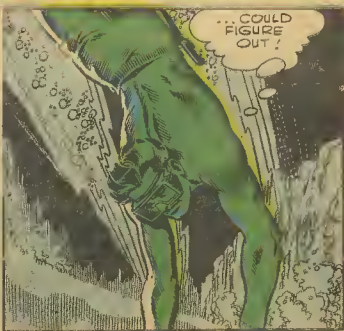
SEE YOU, CHICKEN!



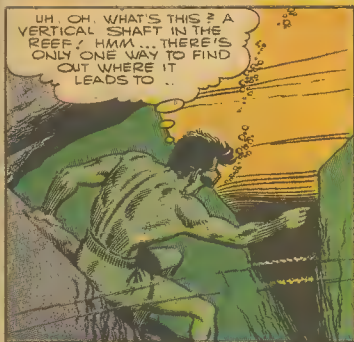
HOW AN OLD LEVEL-HEAD LIKE JOE COULD SWALLOW THAT BUNK ABOUT THIS REEF BEING OFF LIMITS IS MORE THAN I...



... COULD FIGURE OUT!



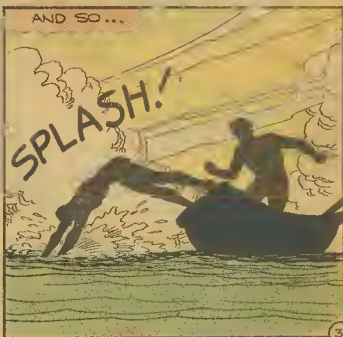
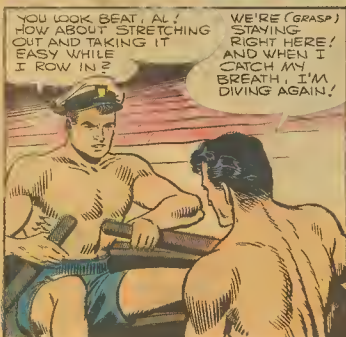
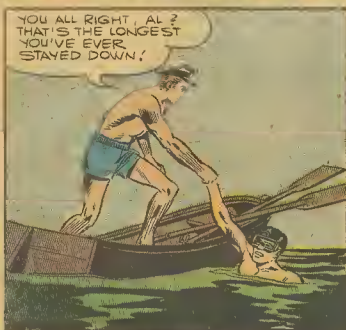
UH, OH. WHAT'S THIS? A VERTICAL SHAFT IN THE REEF? HMM... THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT WHERE IT LEADS TO...



WHEW! NEVER BEEN THIS FAR DOWN BEFORE



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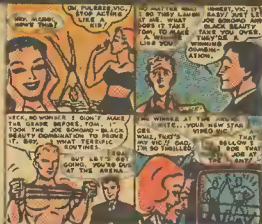
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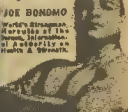
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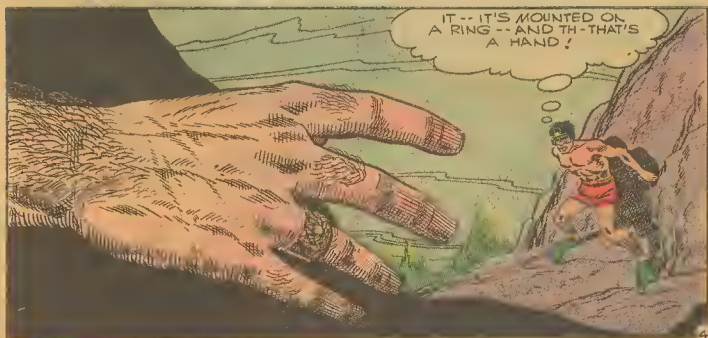
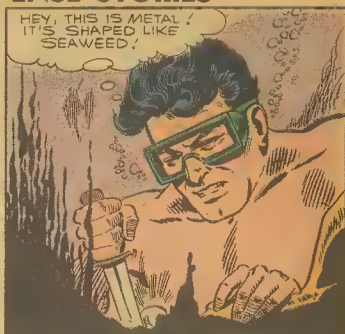
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NEPTUNE'S HAND! HE WAS SLEEPING DOWN HERE! I WOKE HIM UP!



HE'S REACHING FOR ME-- CAN'T TELL IF HE'S SORE, OR...

THAT'S WHEN AL BLACKS OUT! WHEN HE NEXT OPENS HIS EYES...

WH-- WHERE AM I?

I SPOTTED YOU COMING UP AND I PULLED YOU IN! YOU WERE IN BAD SHAPE! YOU'VE BEEN MOANING ABOUT A PEARL AS BIG AS A BASEBALL!



YEAH--THE PEARL! I MUST'VE STAYED DOWN TOO LONG! IT MADE ME START SEEING THINGS.

JUST TELL ME WHERE TO LOOK! I'LL BRING THAT PEARL UP!



BUT JUST THEN...

THE HUNK OF MOUNTING! THAT MEANS THE RING WAS REAL! THE HAND WAS REAL! AND...



AL! WHERE DO I LOOK FOR THAT PEARL?

THERE'S ONLY ONE DIRECTION, JOE--AND THAT'S... DON'T DIVE HERE!



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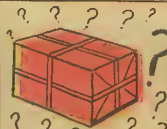


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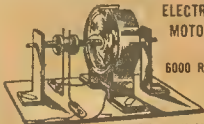
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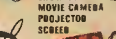
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